

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of February Meeting
February 4, 2026

Present: Sue Collins, Maureen Ryan-Wise, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Margi Rosetti, Bernadette Thie, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Janice Rosado, Charles DiPompo, Kelly Conger, Ashley Clement, Director Libby O'Neill, Teen Librarian Jeninifr Huston Youth Service Librarian Emma Brelsford, Trustee Jen Ooi, Mary Fisher, Alison, Nancy Messeck, Kirstin Stone

Meeting called to order: Sue Collins called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval January 7, 2026 Minutes: Betsy Lorusso

As there were no questions or changes, Betsy Lorusso requested a motion to accept the January 7th minutes. Janice made motion to accept the Minutes; Margi 2nd, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Katherine Howard

- Executive Board to meet with Bartholomew in June.
- Keep targets low on revenue on the low side.
- Expenses Amazon new subscription with free shipping \$9.99 for 1 yr.
- Explanation of all the subscriptions. Pg. 3.
- New line items Budgeted \$6900
- Programing expenses
- Katherine Make motion to accept the 2026 budget Bernadette, Margi 2nd
- Budget Motion passed.
- Treasurers Report January
- Will Transfer \$2200.00 Feb 6th
- Operation expenses
- W-9 is completed for town
- Filed new address with P.O. Box
- Constant Contact renewed
- Income Jan \$2500 total. \$2291.19 was membership Donations \$31.00

- Expenses \$5280.10 Programming \$40000.000, and Items in \$1280.00 on pg.2.
- Working with library for a new logo and will anticipate more expense for new printing.
- Libby said that it would be super helpful to have The Friends budget approved in November before the end of the year.
- Katherine requests motion to accept January Treasurer's Report. Mo made Motion, Bernadette 2nd, Motion Passed.

YA Librarian's Report: Jennifir Huston

- January Programs sponsored by The Friends:
- Crafty Teens: Beaded Succulent: Attendees: 5
- Paint like Van Gogh with Dimple Shah: Attendees: 13
- February Programs:
- Teen Maker Workshop: Winter Edition: Attendees: 6
- Feb 7th Soul Speak Alchemy Box with Klassic Kreation
- Feb 12th Crafty Teens: Button Art
- Tinker Tank: January 7 appointments
- Teen Tech began January 10th with one person attending

Children's Services Librarian Report: Emma Brelsford

- Large Indian population hosting a festival for Sun moving into Capricorn More Sunlight. Bought blank kites with Friends funds. Two Indian organizations with volunteers will help with Kite fighting.
- Doing a winter reading challenge based of MA Children Book list for 4-7th grades.
- Cozy Reading Basket: If read 5 or more they can vote on. Amazon tablet given by one of book sellers, cozy blankets as gifts. 20 kids signed. Bought reading prizes. 100 goodie bags items purchased.
- Feb 17th Scott Martell Magic
- Feb 18th Lipen tea light holder craft .Bought craft supplies for Criquet.

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill

- Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring three programs in January:

- Paint Night with Sandy - Attendees: 18
- Madhubani Natural Dyes with Water Lily Designs – Attendees 15
- The art workshops have been very popular!
- Puzzle competition was success. 8 teams had the same 500 piece puzzle and had 2hrs to finish. Friends sponsored the prize which was a coupon for a free book at any of the Boyden Book Shops! 4 coupons were distributed, one for each member of the winning team.
- Upcoming Friends Sponsored Programs:
- Alchemy Box Program on 2/7
- Pop Up Art School – mixed media art workshop: Snowy House Luminaria
- Thank you also to The Friends for sponsoring the 2026 Community Reads promotional materials. Magnets coming soon and will be handed out at the Circulation des to people reading *The Art Thief*.

Membership: Colleen McManus

- Nov – Dec membership: 33 new members
- A lot of new volunteers
- A list of all new members created

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie

- 400 Newsletters sent out in January
- Next Newsletter will be sent out in April

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- 1/28 Matt Donnelly took 12 items to sell. A recent donation contained many Vinyls which were given to Matt. Matt splits profits from his sales 50/50 with Friends. In 2025 income from Matt's sales was \$1100.00.
- Boxes of Leadership/Business books donated this week, all in great shape.
- Raffle bag is ready for next Book Sale. It contains 3 books, puzzle, Friends grocery bag and some smaller items.

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- Book marks for the Save Dates for Book Drives are prepared, Lesleyann requests someone to edit. Ashley agrees to edit.
- Spring Book Drives: March 21th 10-12, April 11th 10-12.

- Janice has given list of volunteers to Lesleyann who shall send out on SIGNUPGENIUS.
- Working on getting the Book Drive signs made.
- Lesleyann will put out Book Drive dates on Social Media and will set out signs on the Book Drive weekends.
- Spring Book Sale dates: Set up on May 13th. Book Sale: May 14-16.

Trustee's Report: Jen Ooi

- The Legislative breakfast on 2/27 at Swansea Library will be attended by Paul Feeney, Kevin Penders and Paul Ivanovskis.
- The Trustees are excited about the Community Reads in March.
- New logo is underway, it will be brought to The Friends' April Meeting.
- The Library budget has been approved by Paige, Town Manager.
- AD COMM meeting with Libby on March 11th.
- A new line item of \$5000.00 for programing was added and will need to be voted on at Town Meeting on May 11th.
- Looking at vendors for new website. The website will be ADA compliant.
- Chosen vendor TBD and will be Voting in March for funding.
- Ad COMM meeting on March 11th.

Old Business: By-Laws Committee: Sue Collins

- Libby super helpful to suggest Friends approve our budget before our November meeting to agree with the library's budget that ends at the end of the year.
- Are the By-laws on the Boyden website?
- Katherine to chair the By-Laws Committee, Charles, Katherine, Sue, Kirsten Stone, and Maureen Ryan Wise will be committee members.
- Address changes have been completed to 2 Baker Street.

New Business:

- Friends to donate \$50 to the Southeastern Legislative Breakfast.
- Bartholomew meeting to be scheduled by Katherine with the new Executive Board.
- Zoo Passes to be discussed at March meeting.

Adjourn: Katherine made motion Ashley 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2026 at 7 p.m. Community Room

Respectfully submitted: Betsy Lorusso